

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, at line 16, as follows:

A first end 30 of the through hole 24 has a first frustoconical surface or chamfer 32 that extends between the cylindrical surface 28 and the first side surface 20. In the illustrated embodiment, the first chamfer 32 converges with the cylindrical surface 28 in the through hole 24 and the first chamfer 32 extends at an angle of 45 degrees to the axis 26. The angle could be different in different embodiments. With reference to Fig. 2, imaginary lines extending from diametrically opposite portions of the first chamfer 32 intersect at a first location within the through hole 24.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 1, as follows:

The opposite second end 34 of the through hole 24 has a second frustoconical surface or chamfer 36 that extends between the cylindrical surface 28 and the second side surface 22. In the illustrated embodiment, the second chamfer 36 converges with the cylindrical surface 28 in the through hole 24. Thus, the cylindrical surface 28 and the first and second chamfers 32 and 36 form the through hole 24 in the control arm 14 in

its entirety. In Also, in the illustrated embodiment, the second chamfer 36 extends at an angle of 45 degrees to the axis 26. The angle could be different in different embodiments.

With reference to Fig. 2, imaginary lines that extend from diametrically opposite portions of the second chamfer 36 intersect at a second location within the through hole 24.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, at line 6, as follows:

The shank portion 60 also has a second section 64 that extends from the first section 62 in a direction away from the ball end portion 52. The second section 64 has a tapered outer surface 66 centered on the axis 26 and extending at an angle (Fig. 2) to the axis. The outer surface 66 forms a third frustoconical surface of the ball joint 10. The outer surface 66 tapers at the same angle as the first chamfer 32 on the control arm 14. Thus, in the illustrated embodiment, the outer surface 66 extends at an angle of 45 degrees to the axis 26. With reference to Fig. 2, when the outer surface 66 is in engagement with the first chamfer 32 on the control arm 14, imaginary lines that extend from diametrically opposite portions of the tapered outer surface 66 intersect at a third location

within the through hole 24. The third location
is identical to the first location.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, at line 15, as follows:

The ball joint 10 also includes a nut 90. The nut 90 has a hexagonal outer side surface 92 for engagement by a hex socket wrench. The nut has a first or outer end surface 94 that extends perpendicular to the axis 26. The nut has a tapered or frustoconical inner end surface 96 centered on the axis 26 and presented toward the ball stud 50. The inner surface 96, which forms a fourth frustoconical surface of the ball joint 10, tapers at the same angle as the second chamfer 36 on the control arm 14. Thus, in the illustrated embodiment, the inner end surface 96 of the nut 90 extends at an angle of 45 degrees to the axis 26. With reference to Fig. 2, when the inner surface 96 is in engagement with the second chamfer 36 on the control arm 14, imaginary lines that extend from diametrically opposite portions of the inner surface 96 intersect at a fourth location within the through hole 24. The fourth location is identical to the second location.